were indulging on slariff undercounting in contravention of the Aircraft Rules, 1937. Such under-cutting adversely affects the business of our national carriers. A meeting of all foreign operators was convened by DGCA on 8-7-1994 to discuss this issue and all operators were advised to strictly follow the relevant provisions of the Aircraft Rules. 1937 regarding fixation and charging of tariffs. A team has also been constituted by the Directol General of Civil Aviation with a representative of Reserve Bank of India to go through the financial records of airlines and their agents from time to detect undercutting of fares.

Death of Governor of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh in ah- crash

370. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered an equiry into the air crash in which Governor of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh with his family and other crew members were killed recently,

(b) if so. whether any preliminary in-vestigations have been conducted;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) wnteher the Union Government propose to examine the worthiness of the plane with each of the State Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) what steps have been taken for the bereived family Members of the late Governor of Punjab and the crew members?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI OHU-, LAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The accident is under investigation by an Inspector of Accidents appointed by the Director General of Civil Aviation Under Rule 71 of the Aircraft Rules, 193T. The Government also propose to appoint i a Court of Inquiry headed by a sitting Judge of the High Court of Himachal: Pradesh to investigate the accident under Rule 75 of Aircraft Rules, 1937.

(d) and (e) The State Government aircraft are maintained, inspected and certified in accordance with schedules prescribed by the manufacturers and duty approved by the Director General of. Civil Aviation.

(f) The information is being collected from the Government of Punjab and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Conversion of Bangalore Airport into International Airport

371. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have made s, request to HAL and Defence Ministry Cor permission to convert the Bangalore Airport into an International Airport;

(b) if so, whether the HAL and Def ence Ministry have accorded the neces sary permission;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for not according the permission when the Airport is already used by the Civil Aviation and International cargo carriers; and'

(d) whether Defence Ministry will be approached for permitting the Deptt, of Civil Aviation to convert Bangalore Airport as an International Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOTTRTSM (SHRI I AM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) No suck request has been made for conversion of Bangalore airport into international air-port.

(d) Due to technical and operational constraints, it is not feasible at present to commence full-fledged international operations through Bangalore airport. However, national carriers are permitted to operate limited international service! Irom any airport, including Bangalore.

Proposal for Development of Sea Benches in the Country

372. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to beautify the sea benches in the country in order to attract a large number of touris!;

(b) whether Government have any scheme in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) thg amouni spent on such work during last three years in Orissa and other coastal States?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Central Department of Tourism in. conjuration with the State Governments and Union Territories have identified the oosstal areas of Sindhudurg Distt. in Maharashtra, Bekal beach in Kelala, Mutfakadu-Mamarapuram in Tamil Nadu, Puri-Konark: in Orissa and Diu in Union Territory of Daman & Diu for integrated development of tourism. Dtirire the last three years i.e. 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94. an amount of Rs. 544 74 lakhs have been sanctioned on the deevlopment *of* sea beaches in the country.

PrivaOjntion of Airports

373. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the MINISTER of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be Pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to i 'tivat'se some airports in the 3 country;

(b) if so, the Airports identified therefor;

(c) the time schedule fixed for the privatisation of those Airports; and

(d) the situation that led to the privat isation of those Airports?

THE MINISTER Of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) An Inter-Ministerial group was cons-itu.ed to identify the areas in development of airports which can be dercserved for public participation. The Ri'oup has submitted its report. The Government will take a decision on the report in due course.

Setting up of New Airports in Joint Sector

374. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Airports in the country in the joint sector;

(b) if so, the number of Airports proposed to IK set up in the country in the joint sector during the Eighth and Ninth plan period; and

(c) the places identified for the loca tion of these Airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRl GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and. (c) Does not arise.

Non-Adherence of Guidelines by Air Taxi Operators

375. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines given to the private Air Taxi operators by the Director Genera! Civil Aviation;